

Australian Capital Territory

Utilities (Technical Regulation) (Electricity Network Boundary Code) Approval 2024

Disallowable instrument DI2024–61

made under the

Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014, section 14 (Technical codes—approval)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) (Electricity Network Boundary Code) Approval 2024*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Approval

I approve the Electricity Network Boundary Code (the Code) as set out in the schedule.

4 Public access

Electronic copies of the Code are available on the Access Canberra website at <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/business-and-work/building-and-construction/regulated-utilities-services#Technical-codes>.

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5 Revocation

This instrument revokes the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) (Electricity Network Boundary Code) Approval 2017* (DI2017-281).

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Australian Capital Territory

Electricity Network Boundary Code

A technical code made under section 14 of the
Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Technical Code

- (1) This Code is a technical code under part 3 of *the Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014*.

2 APPLICATION AND PURPOSE OF THIS CODE

2.1 Application

- (1) This Code applies to:
 - (a) a utility licenced to distribute electricity through an electricity distribution network within the Australian Capital Territory (ACT); and
 - (b) a utility licenced to distribute electricity through a transmission network within the ACT.

2.2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of this Code is to define the boundary between:
 - a) An electricity transmission network of one person and an electricity transmission network of another person, where those electricity transmission networks are connected;
 - b) An electricity distribution network of one person and an electricity distribution network of another person, where those electricity distribution networks are connected;
 - c) An electricity transmission network and an electricity distribution network;
 - d) An electricity transmission network and a customer's electrical installation; and
 - e) An electricity distribution network and a customer's electrical installation.

3 DICTIONARY

3.1 Dictionary

- (1) The dictionary at the end of this Code is part of this Code.

4 BOUNDARIES OF ELECTRICITY NETWORK

4.1 Boundary Between Electricity Transmission Networks

- (1) The boundary between two electricity transmission networks is the connection point as defined in the National Electricity Rules.

4.2 Boundary Between Electricity Distribution Networks

- (1) The boundary between two electricity distribution networks is the connection point as defined in the National Electricity Rules.

4.3 Boundary Between an Electricity Transmission Network and an Electricity Distribution Network

- (1) The boundary between an electricity transmission network and an electricity distribution network is the connection point as defined in the National Electricity Rules.

4.4 Boundary Between an Electricity Transmission Network and a Customer's Electrical Installation

- (1) The boundary between an electricity transmission network and a customer's electrical installation is the connection point as defined in the National Electricity Rules.

4.5 Boundary Between an Electricity Distribution Network and a Customer's Electrical Installation

- (1) The boundary between an electricity distribution network and a customer's electrical installation for both the active and neutral conductors is the point described by the relevant connection arrangement, within an electricity distributor's Electricity Service & Installation Rules.
- (2) The boundary for any connection not identified in an electricity distributor's Electricity Service & Installation rules, and not covered by an alternative boundary, can be the point reasonably determined by an electricity distributor, considering industry standards and with the agreement of the Technical Regulator.

4.6 Alternative Network Boundary Between an Electricity Distribution Network and a Customer's Electrical Installation

- (1) Despite any other provision in this Code, an electricity distributor and a customer may, with written agreement from the Technical Regulator:
 - a) Agree in writing upon an alternative network boundary between an electricity distribution network and a customer's electrical installation; and

- b) Define assets within a customer's electrical installation to be part of an electricity distribution network.
- (2) Any alternative network boundaries made under clause 4.6(1) must clearly identify the location and properties of any isolated infrastructure created by an alternative network boundary.

5 DICTIONARY

- (1) **Alternative network boundary** has the same meaning as in the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014*.
- (2) **Code** means this Electricity Network Boundary Code.
- (3) **Connection point** means connection point under the National Electricity Rules.
- (4) **Customer** has the same meaning as defined in section 17 of the *Utilities Act 2000*.
- (5) **Electrical installation** has the same meaning as in the *Electricity Safety Act 1971*.
- (6) **Electrical Service & Installation Rules** means the Electricity Service & Installation Rules maintained by the electricity distributor under the Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code.
- (7) **Electricity distribution network** means an electricity distribution network defined in section 7 of the *Utilities Act 2000*.
- (8) **Electricity distributor** has the same meaning as in the *Utilities Act 2000*.
- (9) **Isolated infrastructure** has the same meaning as in the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014*.
- (10) **National Electricity (ACT) Law** means the provisions applying in the ACT because of the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997 (ACT)*.
- (11) **National Electricity Rules** means the *National Electricity Rules* under the *National Electricity (ACT) Law*.
- (12) **Person** includes a natural person, a firm, an unincorporated association, or a body corporate.
- (13) **Technical Regulator** means the person appointed as Technical Regulator as defined in section 77 of the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014*.
- (14) **Transmission network** means an electricity transmission network defined in section 7 of the *Utilities Act 2000*.